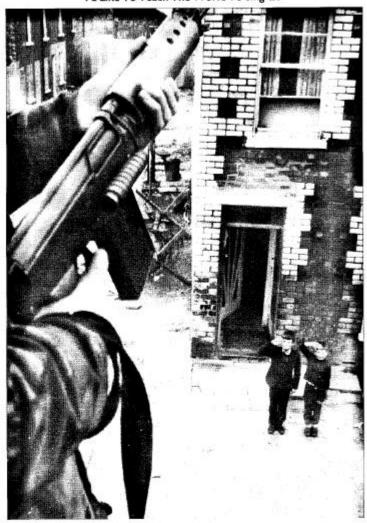
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It's Too Late

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'It's Too Late' gave songwriter Carole King, from Brooklyn, her second UK chart hit, one that reached sixth position in the summer of 1971. As well as her own hit records, Carole penned many successful songs for many of the major popular singers of the time, including Bobby Vee, Dusty Springfield and Tony Orlando.







Judy Collins, the Denver, Colorado folk singer, took 'Amazing Grace' to No.5 in the British charts in 1971. A year later an alternative recording did even better. The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards enjoyed five weeks at No.1, and was the top UK record of the year.

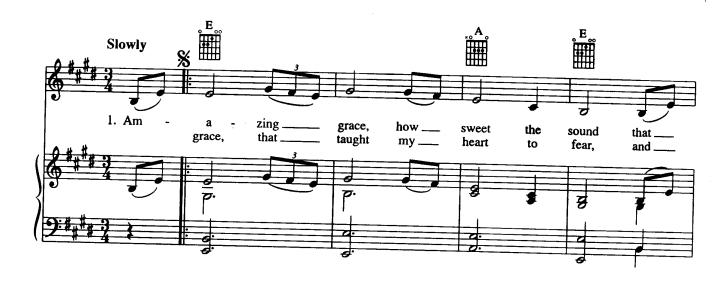
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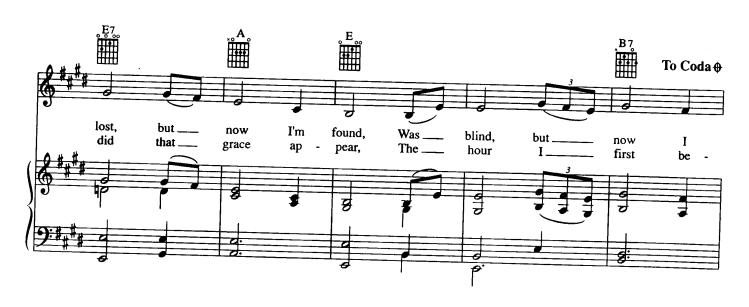
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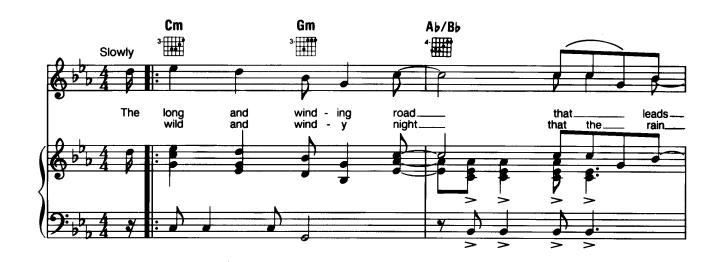


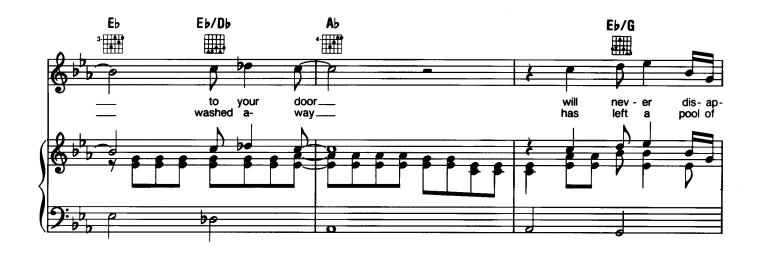
The Beatles wrote so many wonderful songs that there just wasn't time to issue all the potential hits as singles performed by the group. As a result it was British singer Ray Morgan who was lucky enough to enjoy chart success with the superb late period song 'The Long And Winding Road'.

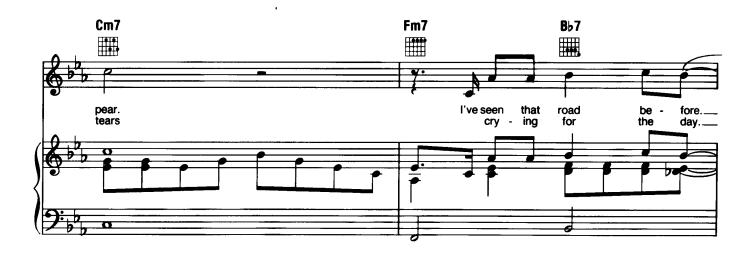
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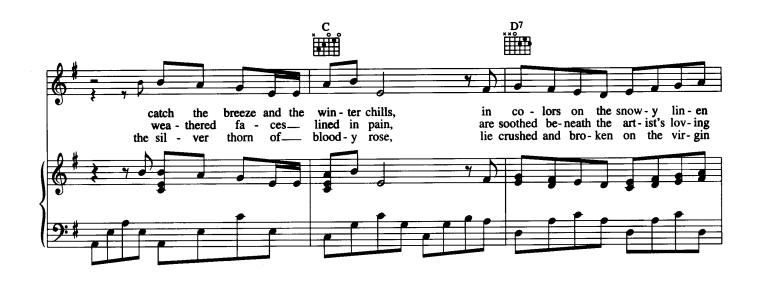
Don Mclean's first No.1 in the UK charts was his second hit in Britain. 'Vincent', was a tribute to the painter Van Gogh that topped the charts for two weeks in early 1972. The song reached No.12 in America. McLean both wrote and performed the song.

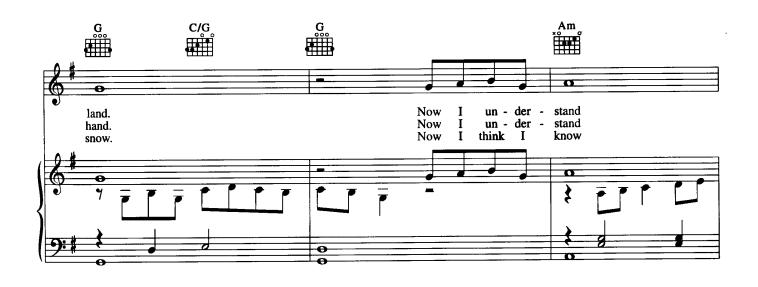
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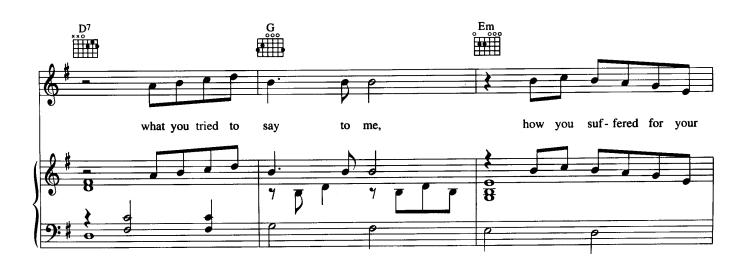
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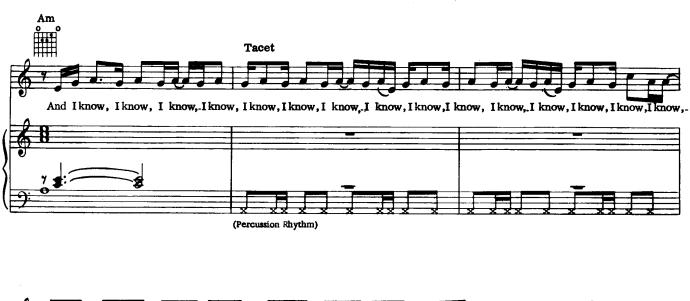
Bill Withers came to professional singing and songwriting late, after a career in the US Navy and in computers. His first record album included the memorable 'Ain't No Sunshine', a song its composer took to No.3 in America in 1971. It attracted the interest of Michael Jackson whose own version reached No.8 in Britain.

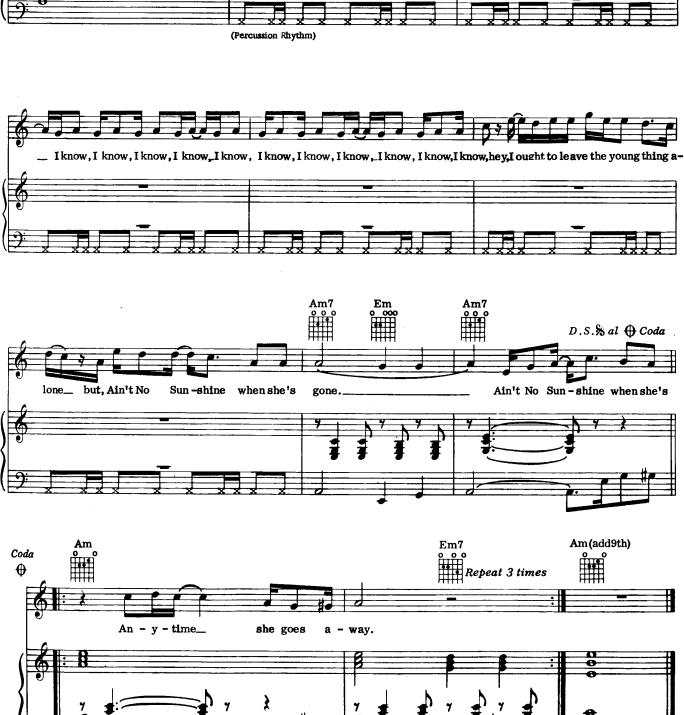
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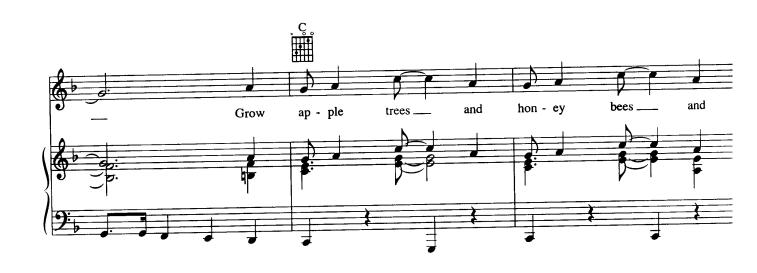
'l'd Like To Teach The World To Sing' began as a paean of praise to the world's most popular soft drink and ended up as a chart topper for The New Seekers. The song, which originally started life under the title 'True Love And Apple Pie', was the UK's best selling single of the year. It stayed at the top of the charts for four weeks in 1972.

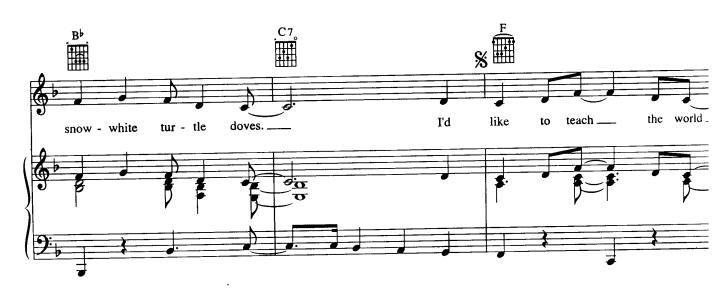
I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing

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Sailing

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A television documentary series about life in today's Royal Navy used Rod Stewart's recording of Gavin Sutherland's folkish ballad 'Sailing.' The year was 1975, the season, Autumn and the position - No. I for 4 weeks. A year later, the song was back up to No.3. In 1987 it reached No.41.







Michael Cassavitis) found chart success as a member of the group Dawn. Together they enjoyed many hits. Their second No. I was based on the true story of a prisoner in Florida. Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Ole Oak Tree' topped the charts here and in America in the spring of 1973.

The Ole Oak Tree

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Roberta Flack, from North Carolina, made this delightful song her own and it reached No. I in America, staying there for five weeks in Spring 1973, and charting No.6 in Britain.

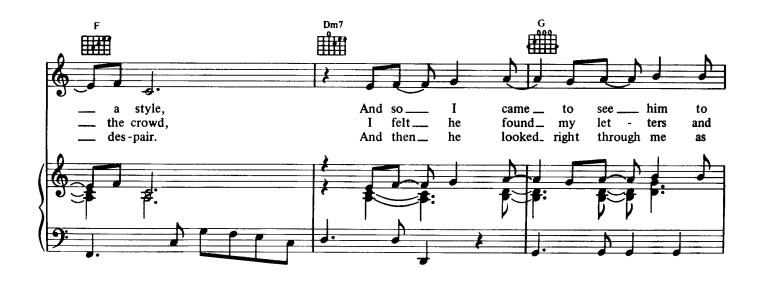
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Goodbye Yellow Brick Road

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Reginald Dwight, from Pinner, Middlesex, is one of the top ranking international pop artists of all time. As Elton John he became a major singer/pianist with heaps of hits to his credit, mostly written with his long-time lyricist Bernie Taupin. 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road' (a reference to Dorothy's journey to visit the Wizard of Oz) reached second position in the American charts, sixth in the British, in 1973.







The Stylistics epitomised the oh-so-smooth Philadelphia sound. Russell Thompkins' distinctive lead vocals helped the group achieve a chain of successes - including 'Let's Put It All Together' which reached the Top Ten in Britain in the winter of 1974.

Let's Put It All Together

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As 'Dime', the song was a huge hit in South America. Translated into English, 'Feelings', sung by Brazilian pop singer Morris Albert, reached the Top Ten in both Britain (No.4) and the United States (No.6) in Autumn 1975. Albert wrote the song with Louis Gaste.











Although the Philadelphia-based Stylistics had enjoyed a string of Top Ten hits in Britain from 1972, their first and only No. I came in 1975 with 'Can't Give You Anything (But My Love)' which enjoyed three weeks at the top. The writers were the experienced team of Hugo Peretti, Luigi Creatore and George Weiss.

Can't Give You Anything (But My Love)

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Can't Smile Without You

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Although composer/arranger/producer Barry Manilow has only had one UK Top Ten hit, this wasn't it. In America, however, 'Can't Smile Without You' was his seventh Top Ten hit, in Spring 1978, and it reached third place. At that time in his career, the Brooklyn-born singer was largely relying on other writers' songsin this case the work of Chris Arnold, David Martin and Geoff Morrow.











Paul McCartney not only moved his family to live in Northern Scotland, but together with Denny Laine, a member of his band Wings, he penned a wonderful tribute to 'Mull Of Kintyre' that enjoyed nine weeks at the top of the British charts in 1977 and 1978. It was the all-time top selling single at that time.

Mull Of Kintyre

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The Gibb Brothers - British born, Australian raised, are among the most successful singer-songwriters of our time. They wrote this song for Hawaiian singer Yvonne Elliman, but took 'How Deep Is Your Love' to the top of the US charts themselves, for a three-week stay in late 1977. It reached third position in Britain.

How Deep Is Your Love

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David Shire is one of the most versatile of Hollywood and Broadway composers. He worked on 'Saturday Night Fever' and Barbra Streisand's TV specials as well as shows like Baby, Big and Closer Than Ever. Motown's Billy Preston, duetting with Syreeta, took 'With You I'm Born Again' (written with Carol Conners) to second place in the British charts.

With You I'm Born Again

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